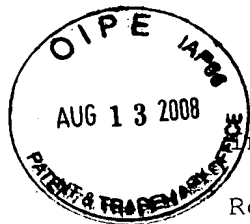




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Sir:

In compliance with Rules 1.97 and 1.98, and in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure under Rule 1.56, the accompanying documents, copies of which are attached to this statement, are made of record on the enclosed sheet.

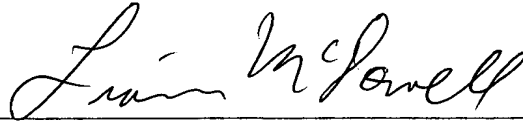
A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is that these references were cited as background technology in a related British application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future submissions, to charge any

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Respectfully submitted,

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